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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in the application. Claims 1-18 are amended and claim 19 has been added. Support for new claim 19 may be found, *inter alia*, at Figs. 2A, 2C, 3, 5, 5A and 8. Claims 1-19 are now pending and submitted for reconsideration.

The acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority, as well as the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 7, 2003, is appreciated. Acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 14, 2005 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication that claim 10 includes allowable subject matter is appreciated. Claim 10 has been rewritten into independent form and is now in condition for allowance.

Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,045,151 ("Wu"). Claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested for at least the following reasons.

The rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn at least because Wu does not disclose, teach or suggest each and every limitation of amended claim 1. For example, Wu does not disclose, teach or suggest "an upper end of at least one sidewall of the container [being] bent away from the container opening such that a hook-shaped sidewall area is formed at the outside of the sidewall, the hook-shaped sidewall area comprises a hook opening that is directed away from the container opening," as called for in amended claim 1. On the contrary, the sidewalls 83, 85 of the sleeve/pocket 86 of Wu do not bend away from the opening. Rather, the sidewalls 83, 85 bends toward the opening, as can be seen in Figs. 2A and 3 of Wu. Further, in Wu, the upper end of the sidewalls 83, 85 are bent inward of the sidewalls 83, 85 and do not form "a hook-shaped sidewall area formed at the outside of the sidewall," as called for in claim 1. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Claims 2-9, 11-17 and 19 depend from claim 1 and are allowable therewith, for at least the reasons set forth above, without regard to the further patentable limitations set forth in these dependent claims.

Claim 18 contains recitations similar to claim 1. For example, claim 18 calls for "an upper end of at least one sidewall of the container [being] bent away from the open end such that a hook-shaped sidewall area is formed at the outside of the sidewall, the hook-shaped sidewall area comprises a hook opening that is directed away from the open end." Therefore, claim 18 is allowable for at least the reasons set forth above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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